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Application of : Kathryn S.E. Cheah, et al.  
Serial No. : 09/975,607  
Date Filed : October 10, 2001  
For : USES OF TRANSGENIC MOUSE CONTAINING A  
TYPE X COLLAGEN MUTANT  
Examiner : Peter Paras, Jr.  
Art Unit : 1632

1185 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10036  
May 29, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 23, 2003  
AND PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2003, applicants hereby request a one month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action, and enclose a check for \$55.00 in payment of the extension fee for a small entity.

**REMARKS**

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10-13) In response to the Office Action, applicants elect to prosecute group II (claims 10-13) with traverse. In addition, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner add claim 14 to group II, in that it is linked to claims 10-13. The use of an inducible regulatory element (claim 14) is not restricted to transgenic animals (group IV), but is important for, and can be applied to, the method recited in group II (claims 10-13). The

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